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2013 Senate Bill 103

**Senate
Amendment 1**

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2013 Senate Bill 103 (the bill) relates to the release of customer information by municipal utilities.

Senate Bill 103

The bill specifies that a municipal utility may not release customer information, defined as information received from customers which serves to identify customers individually by usage or account status, unless the utility has the permission of the customer or is releasing the information to one of the following:

- Agents, vendors, partners, or affiliates of the municipal utility that are engaged to perform any services or functions for or on behalf of the municipal utility.
- Transmission and distribution utilities and operators within whose service territory the customer is located.
- The Public Service Commission (PSC) or any person whom the PSC authorizes by order or rule to receive the customer information.
- Any person who is otherwise authorized by law to receive the customer information.

The bill also specifies that customer information is not subject to inspection or copying under the Open Records Law.

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Senate Amendment 1 consists of two items.

The first item clarifies that the bill creates two separate exceptions. That is to say, a municipal utility may release information with the customer's permission and it may also release information to the listed entities without the customer's permission.

The bill authorizes release of customer information to any person authorized by law to receive the information. Section 66.0809 (5), Stats., authorizes an owner of a rental dwelling unit to whom the municipal utility provides service to receive certain customer information. The second item of the amendment explicitly adds these individuals to the list of persons to whom a municipal utility may release customer information.

Bill History

Senator Farrow introduced Senate Amendment 1 on April 22, 2013. On May 8, 2013, the Senate Committee on Government Operations, Public Works, and Telecommunications voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and to recommend passage of 2013 Senate Bill 103, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 7; and Noes, 0.

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